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SUBJECT: IRAN-RUSSIA: UNDER SECRETARY JOSEPH'S DISCUSSIONS

WITH ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (CABLE 3 OF 4)

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Classified By: Ambassador Richard H. Jones. Reasons: 1.4 (b)(d).

SUMMARY

¶1. (S) During his January 30 - February 2 visit to Israel, Under Secretary Robert Joseph participated in talks with Israeli representatives fr
¶2. (S) The main points the Under Secretary's Israeli interlocutors made are as follows:
¶A. Israel is very concerned about Russia's cooperation with Iran on the Bushehr reactor, and would like to see Russia withhold indefinitely it
¶B. Israel understands that Russia intends to transfer to Iran sophisticated ground-to-air defense systems.
¶C. Israel is closely following U.S. efforts on the Global Nuclear Energy Policy (GNEP) and will support the initiative within the IAEA. Israel
¶3. (S) Under Secretary Joseph provided an overview of his discussions with Russian MFA and ROSATOM officials in Moscow, noting that the U.S. i

BRIEFING ON MEETINGS IN MOSCOW

¶4. (S) On January 31, Under Secretary Joseph led a U.S. interagency team in nonproliferation talks with an Israeli interagency team at the MFA
¶A. He participated in the latest round of the U.S.-Russia Strategic Dialogue. It covered a lengthy agenda of issues, including bilateral issue
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¶B. The two sides had discussed space policy, and the conventional Trident program. The Russians have opened up on their own space doctrine. Th
¶C. There was discussion about U.S.-Russian initiatives that are in train. The Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism is moving forward,
¶D. The U.S. is forward-leaning on the need to expand nuclear energy in industrialized and industrializing countries. Environmental reasons and
¶E. (S) DOE/NNSA Deputy Administrator Timbie added that ROSATOM Director Kiriyenko said that if a country wants to be admitted to the Russian I

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¶5. (S) Discussion then shifted to Russia's assistance to the Bushehr reactor in Iran. Under Secretary Joseph and Assistant Secretary Rood made
¶A. ROSATOM Chief Kiriyenko said that there are a number of ways to prevent the transfer of Russian nuclear fuel to the Bushehr reactor. If Ir
¶B. The Russians said that their cooperation on Bushehr is conditioned on the presence of IAEA safeguards inspectors. The U.S. will urge the IAEA
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¶C. DFM Kislyak had worked to water down the effect of UNSCR 1737 sanctions. When the U.S. raised the matter of implementing financial sanction
¶D. The Russians feel they have years, not months, to resolve the problem of Iran's nuclear program. They feel the Iranians have made less progr
¶E. The Russians did not raise U.S. sanctions on Russian entities for activities with Iran. DFM Kislyak seemed intent on focusing on areas of c
¶6. (S) DOE/NNSA Deputy Administrator Tobey said that the U.S. has drawn an indirect linkage between Iran and the 123 Agreement, and that fuel
¶7. (U) Under Secretary Robert Joseph has cleared on this cable.

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